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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: VISIT CHIEF RABBI GOREN

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1. SFM POLICY HAS BEEN TO CLEAR CABINET LEVEL VISITORS FROM
EITHER EGYPT OR ISRAEL WITH RESPECTIVE US AMBASSADORS. SUB-
CABINET LEVEL OFFICIALS ARE APPROVED BY SFM AFTER CONSULTATION
WITH THE SENIOR EGYPTIAN OR ISRAELI LIAISON OFFICERS (SEE
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SFM POLICY MEMO DECEMBER 22, 1976). GIVEN CATEGORY OF IMPORTANT
VISITORS SUCH AS GOREN, WITH DEBATABLE GOVERNMENT OR OTHER RANK,
WE WILL BROADEN POLICY ON WHOM WE CONSULT OR ADVISE AND WILL
SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE SSM.

2. RABBI GOREN'S QUESTIONS COVERED OPERATIONAL MATTERS OF INTEREST
TO MOST VISITORS AND WHICH ARE PUBLIC MATTER. HE WAS SIMPLY A
LITTLE BLUNTER AND MORE POLITICAL THAN MANY. HE WANTED TO KNOW,
FOR EXAMPLE WHAT WE COULD DETECT ON WEST SIDE OF SUEZ CANAL,
RANGE OF DAY AND NIGHT OBSERVATION INSTRUMENTS AT MITLA WEST,
RANGE AND RELIABILITY OF SENSORS, WHAT SPECIFIC OFFICES ARE
NOTIFIED OF MOVEMENTS OR VIOLATIONS, AND HOW QUICKLY.
HE WAS INFORMED THAT LONG RANGE MONITORING IS FUNCTION OF
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PARTIES' SURVEILLANCE STATIONS; THAT SENSORS WILL PICK UP SOME
EXPLOSIONS IN CANAL AREA BUT RANGE XQJ VEHICLES AND TANK
DETECTION VARIES FROM ONE TO SEVEN
AC KILOMETERS DEPENDING ON
GROUND CHARACTERISTICS:
THAT OBSERVATION IS VERY DEPENDENT ON

HEAT AND DUST CONDITIONS, BUT WE CAN COVER THE SENSOR FIELD
AREAS RELIABLY AND CAN FREQUENTLY OBSERVE PORTION OF BUFFER ZONE;
AND THAT BOTH PARTIES, UNEF ISMAILIA AND UNHQ JERUSALEM ARE
NOTIFIED OF MOVEMENTS, AND CAN BE INFORMED IN ABOUT FOUR
MINUTES FROM TIME OF OBSERVATION.

4. HE ASKED ABOUT EVACUATION OF US PERSONNEL AND WAS TOLD THAT
THIS WAS A FUNCTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES. WE MIGHT MOVE OUT OR
STAY PUT.
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